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County Staff Pitches in on Pines Fire Effort

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Most people don't realize that the County plays a role in saving power poles in the event of wildfires in the backcountry. Bob Eisele and Bill Winans of Agriculture, Weights and Measures were called into action within an hour of the fire's inception. The pair worked with employees from San Diego Gas and Electric to extinguish burning power poles on Volcan Mountain. This meant hiking down a steep slope carrying specialized fire fighting equipment to get the job done.



Members of Environmental Health's Hazardous Materials crew were among the many County workers on scene during the Pines Fire.

The team succeeded in saving 75 percent of the poles, keeping the power lines in the air and greatly reducing the cost of repairs.

The County's Parks and Recreation staff also played a key role during the fire. One of the first areas affected was Volcan Mountain. Staff from the Volcan Mountain Wilderness Preserve and William Heise Park assisted fire crews in the early hours in getting around the mountain. Throughout the emergency, staff also helped extinguish spot fires and assisted law enforcement with evacuations.

More information on how County staff responded to the Pines Fire can be found in the online version of *County News*. (Go to www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dmpr and click on "News Center" or go to [cww/mpr](#) on the County's Intranet.)

Combined Effort Gives Dogs a Second Chance



Animal Care Attendant Stacie O'Neal with one of the dogs rescued from the Valley Center "puppy mill."

Thanks to staff at the Department of Animal Control and community volunteers, 63 dogs rescued from the Valley Center "puppy mill" found adoptive homes in July. The dogs were among the healthiest from the seizure of 150 Yorkshire terriers, Cavalier King Charles spaniels and English Toy spaniels by Animal Control officers in May that led to hundreds of phone calls from people in the community interested in taking in the canines.

When the adoption process began, Animal Control received approximately 1,200 applications. In just two days, volunteers with dog clubs that specialized in these breeds screened the applications and whittled the list down to 400 approved applicants.

The 400 names were placed in a "drum," and Registrar of Voters Sally McPherson randomly picked 63 "winners," along with 10 alternates. Over the course of the weekend, each person/family was given an appointment to interact with the dogs and decide whether or not to take an animal home. Within a few days, every dog placed for adoption had found a new family. The breed experts have even made follow up telephone calls to the families to offer help if needed.

It was a huge process to undertake in such a short amount of time, but it worked thanks to the partnership of the volunteer dog organizations and the dedication of the Animal Control staff. Animal Control Officer Karen McCracken was credited for her work as the lead investigator on the case, obtaining a search warrant for the owner's property and obtaining a court order to prove ownership. Staff pitched in for many hours of overtime, including the medical staff who treated the dogs, and animal care attendants who were caring for an increased animal population at the shelter.

One happy dog (most likely with the help of her new owners) wrote to the staff to catch them up on her amazing progress:

"It wasn't long before my legs steadied and the muscle tone returned, so I have walked over every square inch of my new home. Thanks for finding me, saving me, and getting me in condition so I could be adopted by two people I just love!"

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Investment Advice

The County has made available an investment advice service called mPower to employees with Deferred Compensation accounts (both 457 and 401a plans). To utilize mPower, log onto to either the Hartford or T. Rowe Price Web sites to access your account, and you'll find an option for investment advice. The County will be hosting meetings in the fall to demonstrate mPower and help answer questions.

Hispanic Heritage Honored

The San Diego County Latino Association is hosting Hispanic Heritage Celebration 2002, Sept. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on the west lawn of the CAC. The event will feature guest speakers from the education field, booths from County organizations and departments, music and plenty of food to go around. For more information, or to learn how to obtain a booth, please contact Ricardo Cunningham at (619) 685-2487 or Sylvia Bugiel at (619) 498-2237.

The SDCLA is open to all County employees. It offers networking opportunities through mentoring and training, and seeks access to promotional possibilities through participation in County government.

Accreditation Awarded

Juvenile Hall was awarded a two-year accreditation from the California Medical Association's Institute for Medical Quality in July. CMA found that Juvenile Hall met 100 percent of the accrediting agency's essential standards for health care. Application for accreditation is voluntary, but the process is rigorous and includes site visits by special survey teams of health care providers experienced in correctional medicine.

Crop Talk

Agriculture, Weights and Measures released its Annual Crop Report and the totals for 2001 are impressive. The reported agriculture value is almost \$1.3 billion, the highest ever for San Diego County, and the ninth successive year of growth in value for the local agricultural industry. A full copy of the report is available on the County's Web site.

FG3 Hosts Academy

The County hosted a group of students from the San Pasqual Academy for a half day in August. The trip to the County Administration Center was part of a commitment on behalf of the Finance and General Government Group to partner with the Academy in as many ways as possible.

Students led the pledge of allegiance at the Board of Supervisors' meeting, then toured the County Television Network, various functions of the Assessor/Re-

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In *Walt's* Words

Our Commitment to Career Development

Making sure all of us can make the most of opportunities to advance our careers within County government is a priority of the Board of Supervisors, myself and our management team.

That's why we've put together a number of programs and services to help you find opportunities, and to be as prepared as you can be when such opportunities become available.

One of the best ways to move up the career ladder is to check out the workshops and other support offered by the County's Career Resource Center on Ruffin Road in Kearny Mesa.

The center has put together a slate of seven different workshops on topics ranging from assessing your own skills and interests to career planning to writing a resume and interviewing skills. As with all of the services offered from the center, you can attend these workshops on County time with your supervisor's approval.

Resource center staff also will meet with you one-on-one to discuss your own career goals, and to help you come up with a plan to achieve them. With a workforce of 17,000, the County offers many different avenues for advancement. The career resource center can give you invaluable assistance in finding the best path for you to take.

There is also a library and computer workstations available for your use.

The resource center is part of the County's overall diversity initiative, and I urge everyone to take advantage of what it has to offer. Find out more information at the Human Resources page of the County Intranet, under Employee Development.

Another way the County encourages and supports employees on their quest for professional advancement is through our Leadership and Supervisor academies.

The Leadership Academy is an invitational program that seeks to develop the County's top managers of the future. Upper-level managers from throughout the County are nominated by their respective leaders to attend. The Academy is presented over 12 full non-consecutive working days and covers an array of topics such as strategic planning, problem solving, leading organizational change and ethics of leadership. We're about to start our third Leadership Academy, and the first two courses have received very positive reviews.

This fall, we're also rolling out a pilot program for supervisors. This is a highly interactive Academy that offers participants the opportunity to learn from both the speakers and fellow participants. Supervisors will learn critical skills for developing a successful team and an effective work environment. Following the pilot program, we hope to roll the Supervisor Academy out Countywide in 2003.

As you can see, there are many options for employees at all levels to develop their own personal skills and abilities to achieve their goals. Now it's up to all of us to put these tools to use.

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Walt Ekard
Chief Administrative Officer

The Supervisor's View



By Supervisor Pam Slater

Part of an ongoing series by the Board of Supervisors.

With a state budget crisis looming over the County of San Diego's shoulders like dark rain clouds and the stock market reports making daily headlines, the future seems murky at best. Every county employee must wonder; are we still doing good things in our communities?

The answer is a resounding yes. Because the county team—the employees, the management and the Board of Supervisors—has done a good job of working together. In fact, when I first took office the county books were bleeding red ink. While at community meetings, citizens implored me to run the county like a business. Given the Enron and Worldcom bankruptcies, I realize now that the county was being run like a business.

So we've worked together to run the county like a government determined to do good works. Citizens now have the confidence in us, that they used to have in the private sector. Look at what the future holds:

❑ **Read a book, not the stock reports:** While the state is cutting back, the Board of Supervisors fully funded the construction of five new libraries. Library circulation this year increased 20.3 percent, double the national average!

❑ **Fighting traffic and strip malls:** The County will preserve 345 acres of pristine land near Lake Hodges, linked to the San Dieguito River Park and the Elfin Forest Preserve, known as the Derbas property. This beautiful countryside will feature all-new hiking and equestrian trails.

❑ **Howling for help:** The Board of Supervisors will break ground on a new \$6.6 million, 32,000 square-foot North County Animal Shelter in Carlsbad in 2004. The current 2.4 acre site will be expanded to over 4 acres. Expect 124 dog kennels and 130 cat cages.

❑ **Better to Park it, than to park it:** Even in tough times the Board of Supervisors is discussing converting parking lots to parks. One day the asphalt surrounding the County Administration Building on Pacific Highway will be a grassy park, complete with lush gardens. The park will be the centerpiece of one of the most attractive downtown areas on the West Coast. But don't worry, the Board is also building employee parking nearby.

❑ **For the kids:** This year the Board distributed more than \$12 million in TOT and Community Projects money to worthy programs. Some examples: a skateboard park in Clairemont (Chairman Roberts), a ballfield resurfaced at Grossmont High School (Supervisor Jacob), the Fallbrook Sports Park (Supervisor Horn), capital improvements at the William J. Oaks Boys & Girls Club (Supervisor Cox), and a new nature/education center at the San Elijo Lagoon (Supervisor Slater).

Working in a tough economy isn't easy. But as a County team we've done well together. As a national hero recently said, "Let's Roll!"

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Letters from satisfied customers
served by County employees.

Lisa Augello (Probation) was recognized for her hard work, dedication and communication skills, which helped build a rapport with one family.

"Her follow through and attention to detail have set in motion a formula to assist in improving attendance and develop resources to further support the success of this young student."

Kathleen Kremer (Family Resource Center, HHSA) was acknowledged by a client for treating her with respect and understanding.

"She is the first to make me really believe that she can deliver excellence in her job performance and at the same time have a big heart, and love her work, but most importantly, have excellent communication with the people like myself."

Ellen Beauparlant (Public Administrator, HHSA) was praised for her professionalism in helping a nephew from the East Coast in the distribution of his aunt's assets.

"I want you to know that you have an employee in Ellen who is just what someone like myself needs when they find themselves in a situation as I did."

B.J. Hammell and Anna Peralta (Health Coverage Access, HHSA) were praised for helping a family straighten out a problem with its Medi-Cal benefits transfer upon moving to San Diego County.

"Our family is so grateful to these women, hence your agency, for helping to ease one of the many painful and difficult experiences my 7 ½ year-old disabled daughter has had to endure."

Ben Seltzer and Claudia Eisenbraun (Revenue & Recovery) were acknowledged for helping a County employee and husband who learned of a lien from Revenue and Recovery as they were refinancing their home.

"As a member of the public who had to have contact with your services (I unwittingly became a Mystery Shopper), I was very pleased with the calm professionalism I received."

Susan Newman (Probation) was commended by a person assigned to her Work Projects crew for being excellent in her profession.

"She is very decent, and treated everyone with decency and respect. We worked quite hard, as I expected, but her forthrightness and her fairness with all of us made quite a difference to me."

Nick Del Real and Joe Quicho (General Services) were praised for being a constant source of assistance in regards to a newly-installed air conditioning system.

"Your employees are top notch and provide immediate assistance whenever they are called."

Jessica Quintero (Probation) was commended by the San Diego Police Chief for the partnership she helped build in the Community Response Officer Program.

"Jessica's work ethic and dedication has created a desire for the officers and detectives at our command to work closely with her on juvenile issues. She works to find solutions rather than say it's not her area of responsibility."

Joni Palumbo (Animal Control) was praised for diligently helping to remove a stray dog that had wandered onto a Vista property.

"Officer Palumbo was polite, calm and reassuring during each visit she made to our home."

(Check out the Intranet version of County News for more "Verbatim.")

NewsMakers

Cathy Trout was named director of Housing and Community Development. Trout had been acting director of General Services and previously worked as the finance director for the Community Services Group. Her new responsibilities include administration of the Section 8 housing program and a first-time homebuyers program. She holds a master's degree in public administration from San Diego State University.

Caron Schattel was appointed General Services' Customer Service Manager. The new position was created to improve customer service in the department and will focus on resolving issues, conducting customer forums and communicating with other County departments. Schattel has more than 30 years experience with the County, most recently as General Services' Budget Manager.

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corder/Clerks' offices, Human Resources and the County Technology Office. The day ended with lunch with Chairman Ron Roberts and Supervisor Greg Cox.

Procurement Prize

For the second consecutive year, the County's Purchasing and Contracting Department was awarded an Achievement of Excellence in Procurement. The prestigious award is presented to organizations that demonstrate excellence by obtaining a minimum rating on innovation, professionalism, productivity and leadership

attributes. The program was established by the National Purchasing Institute to recognize organizational excellence in public procurement.

Detention Dedication

A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in August for the East Mesa Juvenile Detention Facility. The \$55 million, 380-bed project began in Dec. 2001 and should be completed by Feb. 2004.

The event highlighted the project's progress, and its importance to the safety of the community at large and the juveniles who will be detained there. The ribbon-cutting was to dedicate the new road leading into the site.

Probation Officer Uses Passion to Promote a Positive Lifestyle

Clint Armitage never meant to become a probation officer. It was just something he fell into. At the time it was pure coincidence that he was already using his music to reach out to kids with an antidrug message.

Now, this 31-year-old uses both his passion and his profession to make a positive impact in the community.

It started back in 1989, when he and a friend began performing hip-hop music based on their life experiences. Friends and family members were victims of violence and becoming addicted to drugs and alcohol. In the midst of it all, Armitage stayed on the straight and narrow path. His goal became showing kids they have a choice in which direction they choose for their life. Music was the perfect medium to make that connection.

"I feel I'm being led to teach something," Armitage said. "I know that I have a choice, but I think I'm being led in a certain way."

Still, he never envisioned how closely his passion would connect with his profession. He joined the Probation Department by as a student worker in 1994 when he needed a second part-time job. A year later, he took the test to become a probation officer on a whim, and ended up working for the department full time.

"I just kind of fell into it," Armitage said. "But it's been great ever since. It actually works with what I'm trying to do."

It's made the message he communicates in his music all that more important to him.

"Gosh, there's so many kids that I've seen get caught up in the drug scene," Armitage said.



Probation Officer Clint Armitage (right) involves his audience in his performance at Camp Jack.

"The scene makes it look like it's fabulous. This is the only way to go. And the person who doesn't— they're different and they may be wrong."

So how do the kids respond? "When I first started doing this, I kind of felt embarrassed ...they're going to tear me up and chew me up and spit me out. But actually, they receive it very well."

Armitage attributes it to two things: the message is sincere and the music is good. "It's not just rinky-dink, Saturday morning cartoon rap—it's radio quality."

He's already set a plan in motion to continue connecting with kids into the future. He started his own record label with the focus on promoting local artists with a positive message.

Until this point, his music has been something he's done on his own time. But this past August, Armitage was able to perform on behalf of the Probation Department at Camp Jack, a summer camp for underprivileged kids in the Cuyamaca mountains.

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COUNTY NEWS *Extra*

Service Awards

Congratulations to County employees reaching the following milestones in September:

35 years

Charles D. Clements (Sheriff)
Stephen A. Irving (Assessor)

30 years

Marla R. Barlow (Parks & Recreation)
George A. Devoid (Public Works)
Lewis L. Farias (General Services)
Armando O. Gonzalez (Public Works)
Roberta T. Henderson (Superior Court)
Joy K. Kutzke (Civil Service
Commission)
Josephine Moeller (County Library)
Stephen P. Perone (Sheriff)
Susan M. Rogers (HHSA)

25 years

Eugene C. Basye (Assessor)
Laura Boyd (Probation)
Barbara A. Chanson (HHSA)
Donna M. Collier (Sheriff)
Michael E. Crosby (Public Works)
Herman Davis, Jr. (Sheriff)
Richard P. Fairchild (Probation)
Christopher R. Glenn (Chief
Administrative Office)
Mary E. Grabski (Superior Court)
Richard L. Gross (Disaster
Preparedness)
Catherine A. Heart (County Library)
Edna T. Ito (Sheriff)
Deborah C. Lee (District Attorney)
Gwenyth M. Matulich (HHSA)
John C. Minardi (Sheriff)
Dianna F. Ranes (Sheriff)
Patricia S. Rasco (Public Works)
Pamela L. Swanegan (Sheriff)
Peter D. Swenson (Public Works)

20 years

Rosalinda A. Bay (HHSA)
ReJeanne Bernier (Sheriff)
Michael J. Finch (District Attorney)
Enrico Gorman (Probation)
Robert S. Guaderrama (District
Attorney)
Teresia A. Harvey (Superior Court)
Thomas Ignacio (Animal Control)
Debra L. Jacobsen (HHSA)
Anthony L. Jucenas (Sheriff)
Susan A. Mallett (Probation)
Scott R. Miller (Sheriff)
Charles O. Mitchell (Sheriff)
Rodelia A. Ona (HHSA)
Dennis A. Powell (Probation)
Teresa M. Villa (HHSA)
Elaine M. Villalpando (Probation)
Barbara A. Watkins (HHSA)
Gregory A. Young (Auditor &
Controller)

In Memoriam

Majorie M. Bell (Welfare)	7/10
Warren C. Burgess (Parks Recreation)	6/29
Beatrice J. Byrd (Treasurer)	6/18
William Chapman (General Services)	6/30
Audrey Charbarneau (Health Services)	6/29
Teresa A. Cooper (Hospital)	7/4
Herbert Counterman (General Services)	6/25
Richard W. Hill (Health Services)	7/5
Catherine Hindenlang (Social Services)	7/18

Doris Krupowski (Health Services)	6/30
Lori Ann Martilla-Alejandre (Probation)	7/10
Virgina Myrick (Municipal Court)	6/23
Jeanne I. Ogilvie (Social Services)	6/30
Richard D. Perkins (Sheriff)	7/29
Barbara J. Soderberg (Municipal Court)	7/17
Katherine Wilson (Health Services)	6/21
Eugene L. Zollers (Transportation)	11/26

Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and families of active County employees Ana G. Estrada, Sheriff (9/25/01).

County News Extra includes expanded information about and for County employees. If you have something you'd like considered for either *County News* or *County News Extra*, please contact the newsletter editor at (619) 595-4632 or e-mail at rcarmich@co.san-diego.ca.us. Items can also be faxed to (619) 595-4664 or mailed to MS A-359, Attn: *County News*.

Retirements

The San Diego County Employees Retirement Association reports the following employees recently retired:

Rajeswari Anantha
Gary D. Beecher
Suzanne M. Belnap
Richard M. Bentley
Madge M. Blakely
Louise Bleakly
James Buglio
Cynthia D. Canada
Alfredo A. Carino
Virginia T. Castillejos
Mark S. Chenven
Marilyn J. Corodemias
Yvonne Daniels

John J. Deangelis
Richard A. Eaton
Melvin J. Fay
Joseph M. Ford
Ellen Fry
Pamela J. Gillow
Vivian L. Hall
Patricia L. Harlow
Jill M. Hosmer
Wanda M. Hunt
Darlene K. Inman
Ronald J. Ippolito
Viola K. Jackson

Larry W. Jones
Edith L. Kennedy
Robert H. Luitjens
George J. Macleod
Jana S. Meelieb
James A. Melton
Gloria Milner
Jimmie C. Pace
Isabelle Peacock
Barbara J. Pierce
Christina A. Pierson
John A. Puskas
Jane E. Reynolds

Lynnette G. Rice
Jesus Romero
Richard P. Shea
Joseph R. Sperapani
Mary J. Stewart
Henry B. Tillman
Pauline Von Kapf
Carol L. Wade
Paul E. Wesely
Debra J. Wjote
Barbara I. Wilcox
Nevin G. Williams
Marlene M. Zeichick

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Jack Stowell (Children's Services, HHSA) received the following compliment from an FBI agent for the help he and his staff provided in returning a minor to his parent.

"I couldn't ask more of you and your staff. All of you were professional and treated me very well."

Angela Knoll, Rosanne Frantz-Gaines, Julie Perrone and Aileen Conn (Family Resource Center, HHSA) were thanked for the excellent service provided to a client.

"My thanks to these workers who have made it possible to receive the assistance my child and I needed in a short period of time."

Gracelia Smith (Assessor/Recorder/Clerk) was credited for going the extra mile in helping an attorney track down information.

"She never acts as if I am bothering her with what I know must be routine questions. She always returns messages promptly. In brief, she has put a cooperative face for me on the County Recorder's office."

Carol Taylor (HHSA) was acknowledged for the exceptional care and service she provided a family needing help.

"You have gone out of your way to provide us with the answers while being courteous, professional and pleasant at the same time. People like you make us proud of our government services."

Cesar Garcia and Herbert Winkler (General Services) were commended for their quick response to facility problems, and for being knowledgeable and resourceful.

"Thank you for helping us in a timely manner."

Soraida Magallon (Probation) was commended by the San Diego Police Chief for her teamwork, dedication to duty and interpersonal skills while assigned to a station as a Community Intervention Officer.

"Soraida was motivated, sincere and dedicated to her assignment. It was these qualities that she demonstrated routinely that will be missed by all of us."

Angie Fedele (Assessor/Recorder/Clerk) was sent a letter of thanks for her customer service.

"I'll always remember the expediency of the request for another appraisal of the property that was made possible because of your professional response in a short period of time. I know you are very busy but take a moment to reflect how much your personal attention meant to me."

County Staff Respond to Pines Fire

From saving power poles to helping evacuees carry family photographs to their cars, dozens of County staffers played a role in responding to the Pines Fire that consumed almost 62,000 acres in the San Diego County backcountry. The fire started on July 29 and wasn't fully contained until over two weeks later.

Agriculture, Weights and Measures

AWM staff and volunteers helped protect more than 100 power poles for SDG&E during the Pines Fire. Over the past 10 years, AWM has regularly worked with SDG&E during backcountry fires to protect power poles. The partnership came about as a means to maximize resources in the summer months when equipment in the Watershed Management division, which includes a fire truck, was available. The division also has a pool of fire fighting volunteers.



Animal Control

During the evacuations, Animal Control staff helped relocate livestock to safe areas and transported injured animals out of the area. Staffers also provided pet food, cat litter, water and airline crates to families evacuated, and visited residences whose roads were blocked to provide food and water for animals left behind.

Environmental Health

A few days into the fire, DEH sent out staff to survey the areas affected by the fire and determine if there were any problems the department could address. One of the most prevalent issues was the aftermath of the power outage. DEH staff helped residents of some trailer parks arrange for additional trash pick up, as trash bins were overflowing with discarded food.



Health and Human Services Agency

Mental Health responded to the fires by providing staff at the shelters to comfort the evacuated families and provide emotional support to those who were having trouble coping with their loss. Public Health helped staff nurses at the Red Cross shelters. Aging and Independence Services sent staff from its outreach team to the Julian nutrition center to provide information and referrals to seniors in the area.

Office of Disaster Preparedness

ODP was responsible for overall coordination with local and state agencies throughout the course of the fire. The department generated ongoing status reports, and coordinated various requests of aid to benefit the impacted residents and businesses.

Parks and Recreation

Two County parks were affected during the course of the fire, and staff helped out in a variety of roles. Early on, staff assisted fire crews in Volcan Mountain Wilderness Preserve with getting around the mountain. Staff conducted sweeps of the parks and wooded areas to clear the area of people and animals. They helped the Sheriff's Department with door-to-door evacuation notifications, assisted Fish and Game in locating and evacuating people on trails in the Banner Canyon area and helped with spot fire suppression.

Planning and Land Use

A four-person crew from DPLU was on scene after the fire to help residents evaluate property damage.

Public Works

Public Works staff assisted the California Highway Patrol with road closures and coordinated with other agencies to provide resources as necessary. Since the County's Ramona Airport is also an air attack base for the California Department of Forestry, airport staff were on scene to make sure air crews could do their job. An unprecedented 4,200 landings and takeoffs were recorded at the airport July 29 through Aug. 11.



Sheriff

Sheriff's deputies were involved in numerous evacuations of residents throughout the fire area. In some cases, they helped residents carry items like antiques and family photographs to their cars as they prepared to evacuate.

In addition, many other County departments either have been affected by the fire, or pitched in to the response effort. The Julian branch library was closed during the first three days of the fire. Purchasing and Contracting helped obtain emergency supplies for other departments to do their jobs. The Assessor's office has provided forms for residents to fill out, as the Assessor will adjust property values based on new assessments. Air Pollution Control District issued a precautionary smoke advisory at the height of the fire. Media and Public Relations provided support in getting information about what the County was doing out to the public.